

CONGRESS MAY BE ASKED TO ACT IN STRIKE

Harding, in View of Present Crisis, Asks House to Re-main in Session.

UNION LEADERS GATHER

Rail Employees' Chiefs Will Determine Reply to Latest Peace Offer.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(By A. P.)—President Harding has asked congressional leaders, in view of the menacing industrial situation arising from coal and rail strikes, to hold the house, now in recess, continuously in session, along with the senate, after the house reconvenes next Tuesday.

The prospect was that falling early settlement of the labor controversies, the administration might call for legislative action to enable the government to cope with conditions which thus far have failed to react favorably to efforts on the part of the executive.

Meanwhile, the leaders of all union organizations in the transportation field began to gather in Washington for a conference to determine the response which shall be made to President Harding's latest offer of a settlement basis for the seven railroad unions now on strike, and to determine as well according to statements of those who will participate, what joint co-operative action the labor forces shall take in case the president's offer is rejected.

Asks Rejection.

R. M. Jewell, chairman of the group of officers of the striking unions declared that he had received hundreds of telegrams today from locals of the shopkeepers "telling us to reject the president's offer and not a single one asking its acceptance."

Separate conferences between the Southern railway officials and representatives of the striking shopmen in its lines broke up finally today, when the men declared that only a national settlement of the strike could be accepted by them, even though the railroad conceded seniority rights to returning strikers. Fairfax Harrison, president of the road, issued a general notice to all its employees that the company considered it had "more than fulfilled its obligations to its striking employees" and that its duty was now for unimpeded transportation service.

"This we will perform," Mr. Harrison declared.

Federal Control Possible.

Suggestions were advanced that congress might be asked to authorize resumption of federal control over the railroad systems should President Harding find it impossible to terminate the strike satisfactorily, with the further possibility that direct legislation amending the transportation act might be sought to make the railroad labor board's decisions in wage matters binding upon management and employees. There was also a proposal in some quarters that jurisdiction might be given the board by law over differences which arise during a strike, as did the present seniority issue.

Cabinet members considered it likely that the whole situation might be put up to congress in a special presidential message should prevailing difficulties continue to multiply. But at the white house, an administration spokesman said the president would not anticipate this course.

To Decide Answer.

Mr. Jewell and W. B. Johnson,

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PROVES 'CHAMP' AT CRAWFISH EATING

"Dark Horse" Wins Honors—Devours Five Bucketsful of Species.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 8.—(By A. P.)—H. B. Chase, Jr., of New Orleans, entered as the unknown knight of the crawfish "tournament" today, "crowned" champion crawfish eater of the world, after winning over nine other contestants by eating five bucketsful of this species of sea food, which in their shells weighed approximately 50 pounds.

George P. "Hop" Luthy, "champion of vixen carse," earlier in the day won the title as speed champion by eating 100 crawfish in two minutes and thirty seconds. Champion Luthy will be called upon to defend his title at an early date, however, having received a challenge from Percy Viesca, "champion of the cabbage," his runner-up, who insisted the new champion did not lick his shells clean.

In the endurance test "the unknown knight" had matters pretty much his own way throughout the contest. Striking a steady gait early in the contest, he maintained it throughout. When every other contestant had dropped out, Chase is said to have remarked that he would conserve the remainder of his supply for his supper.

TYPHOON RAGING ON CHINESE COAST

Heavy Loss of Life Is Feared as Result of Worst Storm in Years.

SHANGHAI, China, Aug. 8.—(By I. N. S.)—The worst typhoon in years today was raging from Shanghai southward along the Chinese coast.

It is feared this storm will add to the great disaster at Swatow, where, according to Hongkong dispatches, at least 10,000 lost their lives in the typhoon which destroyed the city several days ago.

Physicians and nurses were being rushed from here today to Swatow, where great suffering is reported in the wake of the typhoon.

Heavy loss of life is feared in today's typhoon. Three hundred Chinese are known to have drowned on Shanghai in the wreck of a coastwise boat.

Has Big Lead



Sen. Atlee Pomerene of Ohio, who, on early returns from Tuesday's primary, was leading John J. Lentz for renomination by more than two to one.

HARDING'S CHOICE LEADING IN OHIO FOR GOVERNORSHIP

Pomerene and Fess Ahead in Senatorial Races—Alabama, Arkansas Vote.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—(By A. P.)—With Carl A. Thompson leading by a wide margin at midnight for the republican gubernatorial nomination in Ohio, political observers hailed his apparent enforcement of the prohibition law.

The tide of political unrest seen in recent elections in Indiana, Pennsylvania, Iowa and North Dakota seems to have been checked in the president's home community, Thompson scoring in the early returns a more than two-to-one vote over his nearest competitor, C. Homer Durand, the beer and light wine candidate, while Congressman C. L. Knight, the strongest of the two progressive candidates, was third.

In the Ohio democratic senatorial contest Sen. Atlee Pomerene was leading by a better than two to one over his opponent, John J. Lentz, while Congressman S. D. Fess was holding a substantial lead over three opponents in the republican senatorial race. Charles Dick running second, John H. Arnold third, and David W. Wood fourth. Both Lentz and Dick had the backing of organized labor in their campaigns.

In other state-wide primaries the returns were so slow in coming in that the victors seemed in doubt up to a late hour. First returns from Arkansas showed Gov. T. C. McRae, who sought endorsement of his administration and strict law enforcement, including Sunday blue laws, leading E. P. Toney, who had attacked the governor's position, particularly in connection with pardon and parole policies for the democratic gubernatorial nomination. The Ku Klux Klan issue also was brought prominently to the fore during the closing days of the campaign.

In Alabama, where Henry Ford's Muscle Shoals offer figured in the campaign, W. W. Brandon, issued an early statement forecasting his nomination for governor by a tremendous majority.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REFUSES TAX RAISE

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 8.—(By A. P.)—The Montgomery board of review today refused to place in effect a sliding scale of hypothetical increases in taxes on various classes of real estate and personal property as recommended by the state board of tax commissioners. The Montgomery county chamber of commerce has authorized its committee to cooperate with farmers organizations to take the fight to court if the state commissioners continue to ignore the assessment of local property made by township assessors by ordering a horizontal increase in taxes on all real estate and personal property.

FORMER FORT WAYNE EMPLOYEES CHARGED WITH VIOLATING COURT INJUNCTION.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 8.—Twenty-seven striking railroad shopmen formerly employed by the Pennsylvania company at Fort Wayne, today were cited to appear in federal court here Monday, and show cause why they shall not be held in contempt of court for alleged violation of a temporary injunction issued by Judge Francis E. Baker of the United States circuit court of appeals at Chicago.

The court enjoins striking shopmen and members of the International Association of Machinists from interfering with the business of the Pennsylvania company. The citations were issued on petitions of attorneys for the Pennsylvania company. Mark Storen, United States marshal, immediately prepared to serve summonses on the 27 defendants.

A list of the defendants, all of whom are local officials of the International Association of Machinists of Fort Wayne or members of the union who were named in the temporary restraining order issued in federal court at the request of the Pennsylvania company, includes 27 names.

The citations allege that various groups of the defendants violated the temporary injunction by congregating near the shops of the Pennsylvania railroad company at Fort Wayne on July 29, July 31 and Aug. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

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POINCARÉ PLAN IS SUBJECTED TO OPPOSITION

Great Britain and Italy Object to Financial Control Over Germany.

UNANIMITY IS UNLIKELY

Establishment of Customs Barriers in Occupied Region Suggested.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—(By A. P.)—The proposal made by Premier Poincaré of France, for control of Germany's finances in return for a moratorium for Germany, seems not to have found favor with the British and Italian financial experts, mainly because they foresee that the plan would involve the allies in embarrassing political entanglements which would not be justified by what might be gained financially. This developed today during the discussion in the Poincaré plan by the financial experts at the allied conference here, when there were several animated fights.

There was no meeting today of the conference proper, the time having been entirely devoted to consideration of the French proposal by the committee of experts. They did not have time to conclude their deliberations—whether it would be tomorrow when they hope to be able to draft their report for submission to the conference in the afternoon.

Preparing Draft.

The Belgian representative tonight was preparing the draft of a report for submission to the committee of experts, which will meet at 9:45 o'clock tomorrow morning. The committee's task is merely to study the proposals with regard to their applicability and their probable yield, without passing judgment on them.

Among the new points examined today were the possibility of establishing customs barriers in the eastern boundary of German occupied territory—whether it would be practical to tax everything entering or leaving the Ruhr region; the question of seizure of state owned mines, forests and domains on the left bank of the Rhine, and also search of the houses in the field, and a revolver had been found in a house near the camp after the attack. All weapons found will be confiscated tomorrow.

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At one point more than 200 of the mob were surrounded and searched for weapons. None was found.

To Preserve Order.

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Leaders in National Bar Convention



Top, left to right, Cordenio Severance, president American Bar Association; William Howard Taft, chief justice, Supreme Court; Elihu Root, former cabinet member; below, Gov. Henry J. Allen of Kansas and G. W. Wickersham.

FIREARMS TO BE CONFISCATED IN STATE MINE AREA

Action Follows Attack Tuesday on Sentry on Guard at Camp of Miners.

STAUNTON, Ind., Aug. 8.—(By A. P.)—All houses in the area under martial law will be searched for firearms as the result of an attack today on a sentry who was on guard at the camp of the miners who took the place of the strikers Maj. Percy Davis of Indianapolis issued the search order after two shotguns and a revolver had been found in a house near the camp after the attack. All weapons found will be confiscated tomorrow.

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Bar Association To Discuss Need Of Uniform Laws

Convention of Legal Organization Opens at San Francisco Today.

BY GENE COHN

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—Speeding up the law's delay. The convention of the American Bar Association, which will feature the American Bar Association's convention, opening Wednesday—"the most important conference in the organization's history," according to Cordenio A. Severance, president of the association.

Of the three main topics, interest of lawyers and courts centers on the matter of uniform laws. The convention will recommend that the supreme court work out a list of rules, after the fashion of federal court equity cases, which will insure uniformity of jury case laws in each state. For five years the bar association has been working on this plan. Its result would be to make the status of any case the same in one state as in another and would be of inestimable aid to the legal profession.

Taft on "Law's Delay." The case of the "law's delay" will be presented by William Howard Taft, chief justice and former president.

Justice Taft has recently completed an exhaustive survey of English court procedure with a view of simplifying and speeding up American courts.

To the law enforcement committee will be entrusted the writing of one of the most important reports of the convention.

Realizing the grave situation resulting in social waves, the bar association has sought to get at the real causes, after a thorough investigation," says Pres't Severance.

Fighting Crime Waves.

"Means of combatting crime waves through the courts will be outlined by the legislative committee. A previous study has been made in eastern cities and criminals have had a chance to express their views to individual investigators.

"I think, personally, there has been too much mollifying of criminals, too much evasion of jury duty by our better class citizens, failure of citizens to use their powers of suffrage, and too many handicaps placed upon presentation of cases by district attorneys.

"Such things encourage crime. I don't think much of this after-the-war crime wave alibi. The figures fail to bear it up."

FASCISTI FORCES WILL DEMOBILIZE

Nationalists Capitulate to Government After Seizing Cities in Italy.

ROME, Aug. 8.—(By U. P.)—Fascisti capitulated to government orders today and commenced demobilization.

Premier Facta had commanded the nationalist forces to disband, but following threat of a general strike by socialists, the Fascisti refused to obey orders and instead seized cities throughout Italy and drove out socialist administrations.

Government troops, defeated the nationalists in a series of clashes at dispersed points, and the latter's leaders directed demobilization.

TOWN WITHOUT GAS.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Aug. 8.—The supply of coal at the local gas plant was exhausted today, and as a result the city is without gas tonight. Officials do not expect to receive a supply of coal before Friday, it was announced.

SENATE APPROVES INCREASE IN DUTY ON SUGAR IMPORTS

Rate Adopted Is Compromise—Potash and Arsenic Put on Free List.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(By A. P.)—The senate today approved an increase of three-tenths of a cent a pound in the tariff on sugar, rejected a plan for a government bounty of \$9,500,000 for domestic potash producers and rescinded its former action in voting an import of two cents a pound on white arsenic.

Potash and white arsenic were placed on the free list.

Supporting his proposed substitute for the administration tariff bill, under which congress would rely upon the tariff commission to recommend changes in duties after full investigation, Sen. Jones, democrat of New Mexico, told the senate today that the pending measure was both unsatisfactory and unnecessary. He declared that the underwood law supplemented by the emergency act to protect agriculture, was adequate to meet the situation.

Rate Is Compromise

The sugar rate of 2.3 cents a hundred was a compromise between the 2.5 cent duty urged by Louisiana cane and western beet sugar producers and the 2 cent duty proposed by the house and approved by the finance committee majority.

It is three-tenths of a cent above the tariff in the existing emergency act, and 1.5 cents above that in the Underwood act.

The compromise was offered by Sen. Smoot of Utah, ranking republican on the finance committee, and was accepted by the same vote the senate rejected the 2.5 cent duty, 37 to 35.

The vote against the bounty on potash was 32 to 30, with 12 republicans opposing and three democrats supporting. The republicans were: Borah, Capper, Cummins, Edge, Jones of Washington, Lenroot, McCormick, Oddie, Sterling, Townsend, Wadsworth and Willis. The democrats were: Jones of New Mexico, Kendrick and Randall.

Before considering the bounty, the senate voted 65 to 1 to strike out the provision by which a tariff duty would have been imposed on potash for five years at the same rate that it was proposed to pay the bounty 24 cents a pound for the first two years, 2 cents for the third and 1 1/2 cent for the fourth year and 1 cent for the fifth year. Sen. Shortridge, republican, California, alone voted against eliminating the duty, explaining that he thought the industry should be fostered by a tariff and not by a federal bounty.

Because of the operation of the 20 percent tariff differential allowed Cuba, the 2 1/2 cents rate on sugar would work out at 184 cents a pound on sugar from that country, which constitutes practically all of American imports. This rate on Cuban sugar is 24 of one cent above the existing tariff and 16 of one cent lower than proposed by Sen. Broussard, democrat, Louisiana, who led the fight for the 2 1/2 cent rate. The sugar fight led to five roll calls, on several of which republican leaders and the finance committee majority split. The republicans agricultural tariff bloc voted practically solidly, however, first for the highest rate proposed and then for the Smoot compromise.

15 INJURED IN AUTO CRASH NEAR WABASH

WABASH, Ind., Aug. 8.—Fifteen persons were injured near here today when three automobiles crashed together. Among the injured were Mrs. Richard Holmes and a small child. Of Wabash; Willard Pryback of Kokomo, Miss Florence Winters of Chicago; and Mr. and Mrs. Willa Dean and four children of Lima. O. All of the injured will recover, physicians said.

JUDGE COMMISSIONED.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 8.—(By A. P.)—A commission as judge of the Huntington circuit court, extending until the fall election was issued to Sumner Kenner, assistant attorney general, by the secretary of state today. The question had been raised whether the appointment of Mr. Kenner to succeed Judge George M. Eberhart was for the unexpired term of Judge Eberhart or until the fall election.

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Phil H. Penna, secretary of the Indiana operators, also declared the operators from this state would not go to Cleveland and reiterated the offer to meet the miners in a state wage conference. The whole membership of the association, however, called to meet here Friday, Mr. Penna said, but declared the meeting has been brought forward.

The Cress-Glasgow plan, which operators declare is the one, on which Mr. Lewis based his assertions that the coal strike would soon be settled, was discussed by the scale committee meeting here today but no final action was taken. This plan Mr. Ogilvie explained, was devised by Ralph Cress, a New York attorney, who has been identified with the operators, and W. A. Glasgow, Jr., Philadelphia, who has represented the miners in several important cases.

PLANS RELIEF.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 8.—(By A. P.)—Gov. Alex. J. Groesbeck of Michigan today announced he would ask Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ohio and Indiana to join with this state in an effort to relieve the mid-west fuel famine. Governors of these states would be urged to bring pressure upon the Interstate Commerce commission to facilitate shipment of coal from Corbin, Ky. to the southern terminal of the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton railroad, owned by Henry Ford, and thence to Detroit and other lake resorts.

FOUR MEN SMOTHERED.

BOSTON, Aug. 8.—Four men were smothered at a late party in the basement of the Harris-Ford building.

Chinatown Sees Second Shooting In As Many Days

New York East Side Stirred by Gun Play from Speeding Automobile.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—(By A. P.)—The East Side, still quivering with excitement from gun play in Chinatown, last night, was stirred again today when an automobile carrying four men burst into a crowd of clothing strikers gathered in front of Beethoven hall on East Fifth st., opened fire and dashed away leaving eight men lying wounded on the street.

First reports indicated that the fray might be part of a labor war, but upon investigation the police decided the shooting occurred in connection with a bootleggers' feud and that the wounded—most of them tailors—had been dropped when they attempted to stop the car fleeing from an attempted murder. Second av., just around the corner.

Commandeering several automobiles, the police gave mad pursuit up the east side, but lost the gunmen's car in the traffic at 34th st. and Third av. Another car, with five men, was picked up, however, at Third av. and Eighth st. and the quintet taken with another witness to headquarters for questioning. Reports received there from Bellevue hospital indicated that three of the wounded might die.

So dense was the crowd that assembled after the shooting and so wild the confusion, that it was minutes before police reserves could clear the scene of battle and treat the injured. Many more minutes were lost before witnesses could be rounded up and an investigation started.

Piece by piece, however, the police patched together their chronological story of the affray.

The story starts at Second av. and Pell st., where Joe Nasser, a police informant, is out on bail in connection with the shooting of Silvio Tagliamante at Grand and Mulberry sts., about two months ago. Suddenly, a big blue car, carrying four men, appeared and stopped. According to the police theory, this quartet was bent on avenging the death of Tagliamante.

Three of the new arrivals got out and began walking toward Nasser. The car, meanwhile, proceeded slowly to Second av. and Fifth st.

As the trio approached Nasser, they whipped out automatics and opened fire. It was not the gunmen's skillful dodging that saved his life. One shot, Nasser had sidestepped. A hole was ripped in the shoulder of his coat. Five more shots, Nasser had dropped to his knees. Five more holes appeared in his coat. Then a volley, but by this time Nasser had run up stairs. Detectives found him later seated on his bed, his hat and coat beside him. He followed them quickly for further questioning.

By the volley which had left Nasser unharmed, had taken its toll among the innocent bystanders. Two men, identified at strikers, dropped seriously injured. More bullets, rushing through the window of a women's shop, lodged in two dummies.

Bent on escape, the three gunmen ran to rejoin their comrade in the car. With grinding gears the car leaped ahead and turned into Fifth st. Ahead of it was massed 400 strikers, having heard the shooting, attempted to halt the car. The gunmen deliberately reloaded. Another volley of shots.

A gray pony hitched to a little cart belonging to a lemonade peddler, was hit by a bullet.

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U. S. RECOGNITION OF MEXICO NEAR

Latest Note, From United States Is Hailed as Favorable Indication.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 8.—(By U. P.)—Recognition of Mexico by the United States is just around the corner, political observers believed here today.

Ratification of the treaty with American bankers by Pres't Obregon and the latest note from the United States has given impetus to the talk of recognition.

Some believe that recognition will come within 90 days and others that it will come sooner.

The Mexican congress, it is believed, will back Obregon and ratify the financial agreement which was drawn up in New York by Finance Minister De La Huerta and American financiers.

While Obregon has not seen correspondents for nearly two months it has been learned on good authority that he recently told a prominent American visitor that he believed the difficulties between the United States and Mexico would soon be terminated.

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